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Re: Enclosed §1.116 Amendment  
U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/498,064  
Our Ref: NIS.016

Dear Examiner Chung:

Enclosed is an Amendment which is responsive to the June 10, 2003 Office Action, and which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this case.

Very truly yours,



Phillip E. Miller

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Enclosure